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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), before the mailing of the first Office Action, therefore, no fee is required.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of U.S. patents and foreign patents and other art listed on the enclosed forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B which were previously cited by or submitted to the Office with the previously filed applications, of which the current application is a continuation, are not enclosed. The previously filed application upon which the current application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is:

U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/279,329 filed on October 24, 2002 (USPN 09/702167); which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/7002,167 filed on October 30, 2000 (USPN 6,494,686).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104, no representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 and Applicant reserves the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicant does not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

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Respectfully submitted,

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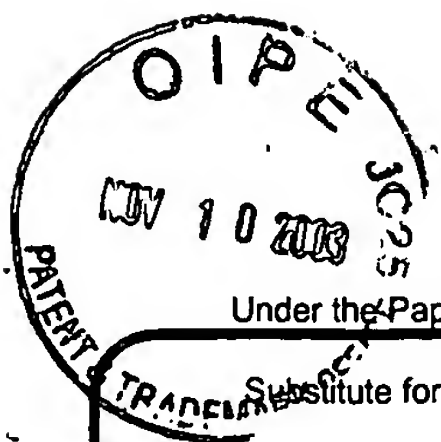
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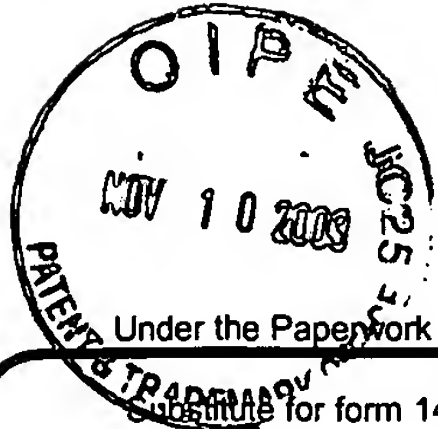
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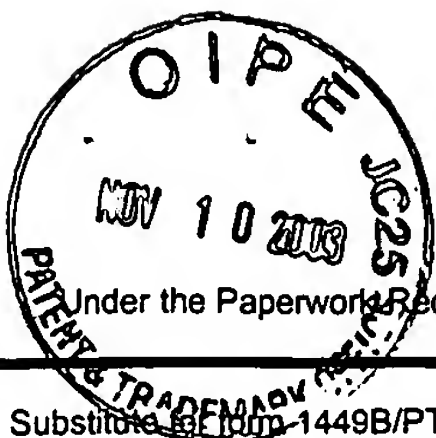
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